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Naples, March 8, *N. S.*

BY Order from Court, a Perſon has been employed to go about among the Bankers and Merchants of this City, to diſpoſe them to concur in the Collection of Money propoſed towards the Expences of enlarging and repairing the Mole of this Port, for the better Security of Shipping, and Conveniencies of Commerce: Many Merchants have accordingly given their Subſcription; but without a large Supply from the Government 'tis thought this Project cannot be put in Execution, by Reaſon of the great Expence that will attend it. On the 25th paſt, an Intimation from the Secretary of State was notified to all ſuch Perſons, Subjects of the King, that had Orders of Knighthood or Titles of Honour conferred on them by the Emperor during his Reign in the two Sicilies, to produce their reſpective Patents at the Secretary of State's Office, where, upon the Payment of certain Sums of Money, the ſaid Letters Patent are to be renewed as granted from his preſent Majeſty. On the 28th M. Egmond van der Nyenburg, Envoy Extraordinary from the States General at this Court, had his firſt publick Audience of the King, to whom he preſented his Credentials; he was introduced by the Marqueſs Acquaviva, Introductor of the Foreign Miniſters, and afterwards had an Audience of the Queen.

Rome, March 12. On the 27th paſt a Courier arrived here from Vienna, who brought Credentials from that Court to the Prince of Santa Croce, as Ambaſſador Extraordinary from the Emperor to the Conclave. On the 3d Inſtant his Excellency ſent accordingly to acquaint the College of Cardinals therewith. The ſame Day Sig. Erriguez, after having reeſtabliſhed the Republick of San Marino in its ancient Freedom, repaired thence to his Government of Perugia. The Agent of the ſaid Republick is lately returned to this City, to notify to the College of Cardinals the Republick's Thanks for the Liberty reſtored to them. On the 28th paſt died Cardinal Ottoboni, in his 73d Year, of a violent Fever. By his Death became vacant the Vice Chancellorſhip of the See of Rome, the Deanry of the College of Cardinals, and the Protectorſhip of France. On the 29th, Cardinal John Baptiſt Altieri was ſeized with an Apoplectick Fit; the ſame Day Cardinal Lawrence Altieri his Brother was taken ill of a violent Fever, and both removed from the Conclave to their Palaces. On the 2d Inſtant Cardinal Lambertini, Archbiſhop of Bologna, and on the 3d Cardinal Spinola, Vice Legate of Bologna, arrived here to attend the Conclave On the 7th Cardinal Belluga was taken ill of a Fever, occaſioned by a Fit of the Stranguary, and was removed from the Conclave to his Palace. This City never enjoyed ſo much Tranquillity in the Vacancy of the Papal See as at preſent; all the Precautions taken to prevent Tumults have prov'd ſo effectual, that every thing paſſes without the leaſt Diſturbance. Many Factions however prevail among the Cardinals, ſo that it is probable the Conclave may laſt ſome Time before they come to an Election of a new Pope. The Prince of Santa Croce having received ſome Days ago a Compliment of Congratulation from the College of Cardinals, upon his being appointed the Emperor's Ambaſſadour to the Conclave, will make his publick Entry Tomorrow.

Milan, March 16. Preparations are made here for the Reception of the Great Duke of Tuſcany, who is expected from Vienna in the Spring. It is ſaid his Royal Highneſs will paſs ſome Weeks in this City, before he proceeds to Florence. The Rigours of the Winter Seaſon in theſe Parts have occaſioned Diſtempers, which have carried off a great Number of Perſons, eſpecially in the open Country. On the 6th Inſtant in the Night the fine Theatre at Reggio was by ſome Accident not yet known ſet on Fire, and in a few Hours burnt to the Ground. The Cardinals de Rohan and d'Auvergne, have paſſed through this Place in their Way from France to Rome.

Leghorn, March 18. On the 9th Inſtant anchored in this Port his Britannick Majeſty's Ship the Pembroke, Captain Lee Commander, with ſeveral Merchantmen under her Convoy. On the 13th and 14th Inſtant, ſeveral Skirmiſhes happened both in the City and at the Mole, between Parties of the Sailors of a Catalan Privateer, and ſome of the Britiſh Merchant Ships in this Port, and thoſe of the Barge of his Majeſty's Ship the Pembroke, in which ſeveral on both Sides were wounded, and a Catalan Sailor killed: However they were parted, and put into arreſt by the Soldiers of this Garriſon, and ſoon after delivered up to their reſpective Conſuls; in Conſequence of which the Poſts to the Sea Side have been reinforced, and Precautions are taken to prevent farther Diſorders.

Florence, March 20. On the 8th Inſtant two German Officers, Superintendants of the Emperor's Stable, arrived here from Naples in their Return to Vienna, having with Paſſports purchaſed in that Kingdom 16 large Horſes for the Emperor's Stud. The ſame Day the Prince d'Elboeuf arrived here from Ambrogiana, whither, after having complimented the Electreſs Dowager Palatine, he return'd on the 11th. There is an Account from Barga in the Great Duke's Dominions, that an Earthquake, which on the 6th Inſtant was felt here but ſlightly, did at that Place ruin 12 Houſes, yet only three Perſons were killed. The Plan propoſed and ſent to Vienna by M. de Braittwitz, to eſtabliſh the Militia on the ſame Foot as thoſe of the King of Sardinia, is returned and approved by the Great Duke, and is ſoon to be put in Execution, for which purpoſe *M. Braittwitz* propoſes ſhortly to make a Tour about the Country. On the 15th M. Franchini arrived here from Vienna, and on the 19th, after having paid his Duty to the Electreſs Dowager